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SUBJECT: WCL PROTESTS CHILEAN DEBT RENEGOTIATION AND ATTACKS
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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ON MARCH 24, THE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (WCL) ISSUED A PRESS STATEMENT PROTESTING "THE PARIS CLUB'S NEW MEETING TO RENEGOTIATE CHILE'S EXTERNAL DEBTS." THE WCL ALSO CALLED ON ALL TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS TO PROTEST GOC ATTEMPTS TO FORM A "DOMESTICATED" CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS IN CHILE AND TO HALT ALL COOPERATION WITH THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR FREE LABOR DEVELOPMENT (AIFLD) WHICH IT DESCRIBED AS "THE COLLABORATOR OF LATIN AMERICAN DICTATORSHIPS." THE WCL STATEMENT IS TRANSMITTED HERewith. END SUMMARY.

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2. BEGIN TEXT: THE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOUR
ENERGETICALLY PROTESTS AGAINST THE " PARIS CLUB'S "
NEW MEETING TO RE-NEGOTIATE CHILE'S EXTERNAL DEBTS.
IT NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES WILL NOT
PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, THANKS TO ACTION TAKEN. OPPRESSION
IS STILL VERY REAL IN CHILE: ARRESTS, TORTURE, ASSASSINATION,
EXPATRIATION AND REPRESSION PARTICULARLY OF WORKERS' AND PEASANTS'
LEADERS. THE EXTRAORDINARY RISE IN THE COST OF
LIVING (600 PERCENT WAS FORECAST FOR 1975.), AND PARTICULARLY
OF BASIC FOOD STUFFS, COLLECTIVE DISMISSALS AND
UNEMPLOYMENT (15 PERCENT OF THE ACTIVE POPULATION) MAKES
LIFE MORE AND MORE PRECARIOUS FOR THE COMMON MASSES.

DESPITE HELP FROM CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL
BODIES, THE MILITARY JUNTA IS SLOW TO IMPROVE THE SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC SITUATION. DEBT REMITTANCES, WHICH THE CHILEAN JUNTA
WILL TRY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PARIS CLUB, AND INTERNATIONAL
CREDITS LIKEWISE, WILL NOT SERVE TO IMPROVE THE
POPULATION'S STANDARD OF LIVING, BUT ON THE CONTRARY,
WILL PROVIDE MEANS FOR PURCHASING ARMS FOR REPRESSION,
AND ABOVE ALL TO COMPENSATE MULTINATIONALS FOR SO-
CALLED 'DAMAGES' (FOR EXAMPLE 300 MILLION DOLLARS TO
KENNECOTT AND ANACONDA, 125 MILLION TO ITT).

THE WCL DENOUNCES ATTEMPTS AT 'COLLABORATION' WITH THE JUNTA
BY CERTAIN CHILEAN TRADE UNIONS, IN
ORDER TO CREATE A DOMESTICATED CONFEDERATION. IT
REQUESTS ALL TRADE UNION FEDERATIONS, INTERNATIONAL OR REGIONAL
TRADE UNION ORGANISATIONS TO ADOPT A CLEAR AND
UNQUESTIONABLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THIS AFFAIR, AND PARTICULARLY TO
HALT ALL COOPERATION WITH THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF FREE TRADE UNIONISM, THE COLLABORATOR OF LATIN
AMERICAN DICTATORSHIPS. END TEXT.
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